

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments.

The Advisory Action dated November 29, 2007, indicated that claims 1-4 and 14-16 had been allowed, but claims 5-13 would not be rejoined and remained withdrawn from consideration. In order to advance the prosecution, Applicants have now canceled claims 5-13 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of these claims in a divisional application.

With respect to claim 4, the amendment proposed in the amendment dated November 13, 2007, is repeated since the Advisory Action indicates that the amendment dated November 13, 2007, would not be entered.

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a bona fide response to all outstanding objections and rejections.

Applicants also believe that this application is in condition for immediate allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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